

HOW TO SEARCH INFORMATION FROM ENVIROFACTS (Short version)

ENVIROFACTS offer a single point of access to a wide range of environmental data collected by EPA. It is **FREE** for anyone to use. Users can search by handler ID, facility name, geographic location, ZIP code or Standard Industrial Code classification.

EXAMPLE ON HOW TO SEARCH FOR YOUR FACILITY

Let us say you are looking for the facility "Environmental Services" in Alaska. Here is an example:

1. From the internet, type <http://www.epa.gov/enviro>
Click the Multi-System Search
Under the System Data Search, Select RCRAInfo (If you are looking for Hazardous waste generators)
2. Under Facility Selection/Identification, click the drop down arrow.
You may select either the Facility Name or Handler ID.

Select the Facility Name

Type the Facility: Example ... Environmental Services

Click "**Containing**" (This is very important so you don't limit your search)
(Note: Fill the geography search too if you want to limit your search to one state)

or

Select the Handler ID

Type the EPA ID if you know: Example ... AKD123456789

If you don't know the facility name or ID Number, do the Geography search.

Type the address - example: 1234 (if you know)

Type the city - example: Haines (if you know)

Type the 2 digit state code - example: AK

If you wish, you may enter the complete address to get the exact facility information. If you don't know the exact address, just enter as much information as you can. **State** will be just fine.

3. Go to the bottom of the page
Under **Search Values**, select Use RCRA facility Info
Under **Output Selection**, select Handler/Facility Classification or Basic Facility Information
4. Click "**Search**"
5. Click the **EPA facility ID** number that you are interested in.
6. Navigate through the system by clicking any of the highlighted information.
7. It will give you the information you need and will also tell you when the data was extracted.
Example: Results are based on data extracted on OCT-22-2014

ENVIROFACTS DATA WAREHOUSE AND APPLICATIONS

(Detailed version)

EPA's Envirofacts Data Warehouse and Applications is a powerful search tool for environmental data within EPA's national databases and it is free. EPA's Envirofacts Data Warehouse is available at <http://www.epa.gov/enviro> on the internet.

Select the Multi-System Tab and select RCRA INFO under the System Data Searches. The first section, Facility Selection," asks for a Facility Name, the Handler ID or the Facility ID number. Click the arrow down to make your selection. Type the entire or partial facility name into the box below the description or type in the EPA Facility identification number. Do not use spaces when entering the identification number. Choose whether the name or number is beginning with, exact match, or containing the words or numbers that you just typed. Double check what you type if you are using the "Beginning With" or "Exact" selections because databases are very precise with spaces and numbers.

Go to the next area, "Geography Search." At this point, you will need to decide if you want to search broadly, or want to zero in on a specific facility by putting the address, city, etc. Fill in the least amount of fields you have to, to get the facility you want.

If you want to limit your search, make a selection in the form's next section "Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) Search." This section allows you to search on Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) codes. If you are doing a search on this type of information, you could just put in the SIC code you want and the two digit State code to get a list for the entire State.

The next area, "Handler Universes," should be used if you want to limit your search to one of the types indicated. If you do not know the classification of the facility you are researching, leave it on "All Handler Universe."

The next area, "Process Search Option," can be used if you want to search on a permitted process. The default is all processes if you do not know which regulated process a facility is involved in.

The "Search Values" area gives you the choice of "Using Multisystem facility information to perform" the search or to "Use RCRA facility information" only. Try it both ways, but choose the second option first, "Use RCRAInfo facility information only," to see if there is any information initially. After that, use the same search criteria to do the Multisystem option in this section of the Hazardous Waste Data Query Form, which may give you more information from other EPA databases.

The last section, "Output Selection," gives you three choices. This will determine the type of information in your report. Choose only one.

1) "Basic Handler Information," will return the facility name, physical location (street address, city, and zip code), the county name, Hazardous Waste ID Number, Facility ID number (for EPA's use only), and a few other data fields. Make this choice if you are doing a large search or you want to know just a little bit more about the facility for a more thorough search later.

2) "Handler/Facility Classification" returns all of the Basic Handler Information plus information on the type of facility (generator, transporter, etc.) it is listed as in EPA's hazardous waste database, and the latest contact person(s) name, addresses, and phone number given to EPA by the facility. Choose this if you want to contact someone at the facility and/or find out what type of hazardous waste handler they are.

3) "Process Information," is for facilities that Treat, Store or Dispose (TSD) of hazardous waste. This is the selection to choose if you know that the facility has a RCRA permit or has requested Interim Status. Once all your choices have been made, press the Search button and wait. If the report fails, start eliminating specifics about the facility to speed up the search.